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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1131

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 4, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Apr 3, 2003

SUBJECT: Mandatory Reporting of Fireworks-Related Injuries.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown C

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Wyss

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		35,000	10,000
Net Increase (Decrease)		(35,000)	(10,000)

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the initial health care practitioner or hospital administrator who treats a person for an injury that the practitioner or administrator identifies as resulting from fireworks or pyrotechnics to report the injury to the State Department of Health. The bill provides the reports are confidential.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon Passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill requires a practitioner or administrator of a hospital or outpatient surgical center that treats a patient with a fireworks-related injury to report the case to the State Health Data Center of the State Department of Health within 5 business days. The Department estimates that a paper-based reporting system with an electronic database could be implemented for \$25,000. Ongoing operating costs are estimated to be \$10,000 annually. The Department will be required to compile the data and report the results to the Legislative Council by December 31, 2004. The bill provides that the reporting requirement will expire January 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: County-owned hospitals and other public health care providers would incur expenses associated with the reporting requirement. The provider's cost of reporting fireworks-related injuries is estimated to be about \$10 per record. However, the expense incurred would be a function of each individual facility and the number of fireworks-related injuries that might occur in a locality.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: County hospitals and Public Health Care Centers.

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